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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, KE

SUBJECT: VISIT BY KENYAN FINANCE MINISTER TO WASHINGTON

1. KENYAN EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DESK THAT KENYAN MINFIN KIBAKI WILL HEAD KENYAN DELEGATION TO IMF/IBRD MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 26-30. KENYAN EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT SEEK TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR KIBAKI WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND SECRETARIES VANCE AND BLUMENTHAL DURING THAT PERIOD. KENYAN EMBOFF WHO RELAYED REQUEST "ON BEHALF OF AMBASSADOR" COULD NOT SUGGEST ANY SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR REQUESTED CALLS AND WAS EVASIVE WHEN ASKED IF REQUEST ORIGINATED WITH KIBAKI HIMSELF OR EMBASSY (LEADING US TO SUSPECT THE LATTER).

2. AS EMBASSY NAIROBI (AND, WE BELIEVE, KIBAKI) WILL UNDERSTAND, PERIOD OF IMF/IBRD MEETINGS IS DIFFICULT TIME
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TO ARRANGE BILATERAL MEETINGS INVOLVING VISITING DIGNITARIES, MORE SO IF APPOINTMENTS ARE ESSENTIALLY COURTESY IN NATURE. THEREFORE, BEFORE MAKING TENTATIVE SOUNDINGS WITH ANY OF U.S. PRINCIPALS INVOLVED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN GLEAN WHICH MIGHT CONFIRM OR OTHERWISE ELABORATE ON THIS REQUEST. IF KIBAKI DOES HAVE MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE WHICH HE WISHES TO

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RAISE, WE OBVIOUSLY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS HERE, BUT WE WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO LAUNCH SUCH EFFORT IN ABSENCE OF SUCH CONFIRMATION.

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